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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program between the JPO and USPTO. Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.